



Discovery RE Knowledge Organiser



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Religion /Worldview: Christianity	Enquiry Question: Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why He was born?	Year Group: 6 Autumn 2
This enquiry investigates the relevance of modern-day actions at Christmas of Christians and non-Christians today in regard to the Christmas story.		

Core Knowledge		Link to other aspects of belief	Personal connection / resonance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christians celebrate the arrival of Jesus as God’s Son They are grateful because they believe Jesus brought to earth a message from God about how to live a good life He performed miracles, helped people and offered forgiveness of sins Christians believe that through his death and resurrection Jesus would grant all of humanity a fresh start and He was God “incarnate” (God made man) The “incarnation” is the key fact of Jesus’ birth - that God became fully human whilst also retaining his divinity 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sacrifice of the life of Jesus at Easter Salvation: Jesus dying and rising again to bring humanity back to relationship with God Jesus’ ability to perform miracles as God’s son – Jesus as a gift to humanity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do I understand the significance of some symbols to Christians? Are there symbols about special events which are meaningful to me?
Key Terms and definitions	History/Context	Impact on believer/daily life	Personal notes:
<p>Incarnation: God becoming man.</p> <p>Messiah: a saviour from God prophesied about in the Old Testament and Jewish Scriptures.</p> <p>Nativity: the story depicting the birth of Jesus Christ.</p> <p>Tradition: a long-established custom or belief that has been passed on from one generation to another.</p> <p>Miracles: an extraordinary and welcome event that is not explicable by natural or scientific laws.</p> <p>Divinity: the state or quality of being divine.</p>	<p>Jesus’ birth in a dirty stable showed that he was not traditional royalty, and not the type of Messiah that the Jews were hoping for to free them from Roman rule. He was born into poor surroundings to show that he was not a worldly King and that he had come to give his good news to the poor and needy.</p>	<p>Some Christians may commit to going to church at Christmas even if that is the only time in the year that they go.</p> <p>Christian (and other) houses will use symbols such as the star or angel on the Christmas tree to remind them of the story of the birth of Jesus.</p>	<p>Write any important additional notes here:</p>
<p>Home learning ideas/questions:</p> <p>What symbols about Christmas fit with what we choose to do to celebrate this time of year, if we do anything? Are there other symbols which help us remember times or events that are important to us?</p>			